



# INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Funding Streams Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

September 10, 2015

### MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

Melanie Brizzi

Charlie Geier

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John Burnett

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**Attendees:** Ted Maple, Jo Taylor, Krista Rivera, Terry Green, Andrew Cullen, Mary Lee Freeze, Kyle Wehmann, Amanda Lopez; *On phone:* Andy Goebel, Meghan Smith

#### Key Topics Discussed:

- ELAC Updates:
  - Currently working with the Office (OECOSL) to brand ELAC and create a website: [www.ELACIndiana.org](http://www.ELACIndiana.org).
  - Newly created resources and tools: white paper explaining definitions of Kindergarten Readiness Assessments, Security Data Sharing Policy, and Family Engagement Toolkit.
- The Early Childhood Funding Summary (Memo) was approved by ELAC in August. Many thanks were expressed by the Committee to all those who contributed to the work!
  - CACFP data will be added to Memo once received from IDOE. Then the final report will be uploaded and shared.
  - Discussed “Phase 2” of the report to focus on some analysis. For example, identify the amount of funding that supports Accessibility, Affordability and Quality; and/or supports infants/toddlers vs. preschool age children, etc.
  - Discussed the process for updating the Funding Memo data (i.e., annually).
  - Discussed the need to partner with the Data Coordination workgroup to explore getting the data that was missing in the report from a few of the key funding sources.

#### Cost of Early Education Study Project

- Changed name of “cost of care” study to “cost of early education” study.
- Discussed the focus and purpose of the cost of early education study.
- Agreed that the scope should be broader than the OECOSL’s need to inform the CCDF rate but to also inform the current “true costs” of different early education programs.
- Some of the key elements that we would want to include in this study to help understand costs are: length of day (part day v. full-day), program length (school year v. full-year) wraparound services, age group served (infants, toddlers, preschool, etc.), quality (PTQ levels), etc.
- Discussed the opportunity for Indiana to receive national assistance through



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CEELO (Lori Connors-Tadros) as part of their research study. They are developing a cost modeling tool that we may be able to use if it aligns with our goals.

Discussed adding workgroup members to support Cost of Early Education study:

- Need someone to replace David Dukes.
- Someone from IAEYC?
- Someone to understand quality?
- New manager of statewide quality programs at ELI, Rena Broadnax.
- Public sector fiscal background person?
- Anita Sherman, with a local accounting group
- ELI Director of Finance is in a peer group, Ted will ask for recommendation. Some may serve as “guests” for the duration of the project or become full workgroup members.

### Key Questions Raised:

1. What questions would we want to answer from the data in the funding memo?
2. How often should the funding memo be updated? Annually?
3. Risk Assessment and Mitigation surrounding the info in the Memo: What are people going to take away from the report “as is,” without a message attached to it?
4. How do we layer CCDF and On My Way Pre-K funding?

### Action Steps:

1. Amanda will make the final changes to the funding memo and share across ELAC.
2. At next meeting, workgroup will spend some time framing Phase 2 (the data analysis) of the Funding Memo and the timeline/process for updating the source data (is there an agency that will do this?).
3. Based on the outcome of the call with Lori, the workgroup will define the scope and parameters of the cost of early education study during next meeting.
4. Jo agreed to follow up with Ben Tooley on replacing David Dukes.
5. Ted agreed to invite his colleague Rena Broadnax to participate in the workgroup to help us understand the cost of programs, as well as ask the ELI Director of Finance for potential member recommendations.

### Next Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, October 8, 2015, 10 am – 12 pm

**Location:** Early Learning Indiana, 615 Alabama Street Suite 300, Indianapolis

**Conference Call:** Dial in #: 866-528-2256, **Code:** 4758999